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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	)	
Charles E. Friesner	)	
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Application No: 09/723,312	)	Art Unit: 3637
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Filed: November 27, 2000	)	Examiner: Mr. Dennis Dorsey
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For: STRUCTURAL MEMBER	)	Attorney Docket: 277.0017

RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This communication is in response to an Official action which recites mailing on December 04, 2003. A request for a one month extension of time for response is being filed herewith to extend the deadline for response to April 5 because April 4, 2004, was a Sunday..

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of claims 7 and 9 of the above-captioned application are respectfully requested in view of the following comments. In addition, please cancel claims 13 and 14, and add new claims 26 - 28. While new claims 26-28 are directed to non-elected species, it is believed that the discussion herein demonstrates that claims 7 and 9 are patentable and, since claim 7 has been held to be generic, that the applicant is entitled to an action on the merits of claims 26-28 and of other claims which have previously been held to be withdrawn or to be directed to non-elected species.